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Connecticut Milk Promotion Board

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2020

10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 228 414 341

Password: 024432

Call-in Number: 866-917-9738

Participant code: 88236281

Members Present: Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt, Paul Miller, Seth Bahler, Jaime Foster, Joe Greenbacker

Members Absent:

DoAg staff: Rebecca Eddy

Guests: Amanda Freund, Jon Hermonot

1. **Welcome:** Commissioner Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
2. **Approval of New England Dairy Q1 payment:** Jaime Foster made a motion to approve. Seth Bahler seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
3. **Dairy Day at Hartford Yard Goats:** Rebecca Eddy provided update regarding June 7 event due to COVID-19. Will keep board informed of updates
4. **Public Comment:** Discussion ensued regarding dumping of milk. Paul Miller asked about available funds to promote dairy consumption. Discussion on the CT Grown Map and highlighting SNAP/EBT locations. Amanda Freund discussed ways to promote dairy and move product. Discussion ensued on advocating for grocery stores to not impose limits on purchase of dairy for SNAP/EBT participants. Request for letter from Commissioner Hurlburt to CT grocery association re: dairy. Further discussion on how to facilitate movement of milk to those in need. Paul Miller motioned to contribute a total of \$40,000 to Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare (\$5,000 per county) for the purchase of dairy with the request to match to DFA and Agri-Mark. Seth Bahler seconded. Jaime Foster abstained. Motion adopted.
5. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Eddy, AMIR 2, April 6, 2020